REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, no claims have been cancelled or added. Claims 1, 9, 10, 11, 12, 21 and 22 have been amended. No new matter is being presented by way of the amendments.

Claims 1-22 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §101:

Claims 9-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. At least for the reasons herein, the rejection is traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claims have been amended to address the rejections and to clarify the recitations. Accordingly, claims 9-11 are submitted to be allowable and withdrawal of the rejection is earnestly solicited.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102 AND §103:

Claims 1-4, 9-10, 12-15, and 17-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) in view of "Installing the Intel Pro/Wireless 2011 LAN PC Card in Windows 2000 Professional" *WinBook Tech Article* – article no.: WBTA09000774 ("IntelWBTA"). Claims 5-8, 11 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over IntelWBTA in view of U.S. Patent Appl. Pub. No. 2002/0042911 by Harms ("Harms"). Claim 22 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over IntelWBTA in view of *Sybex, Windows 98 Complete,* pgs. 128-135 ("IntelWBTA"). At least for the reasons set forth herein, this rejection is traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Amended independent claim 22 recites at least:

> installing in the computer the device driver using a device driver file comprising an installation program for the device driver, the device driver file being provided from the outside; and

> copying and storing the device driver file in the computer, after the installing in the computer of the device driver using the device driver file, for reinstallation of the device driver.

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IntelWBTA, Sybex and Harms, taken separately or in combination, fail to suggest or disclose at least the above-recited features of amended independent claim 22.

The Office Action notes at page 11, last paragraph that IntelWBTA fails to "explicitly recite that one driver file being copied comprises and [sic] installation program for the device driver." However, the Office Action looks to modify IntelWBTA with Sybex and asserts that Sybex describes one or more of the above-recited features.

Applicants respectfully disagree. Sybex describes at least two techniques for loading drivers. The first technique, found on pgs. 128-132, describes a New Hardware Wizard ("Wizard") installing a driver *stored on the hard drive of the PC* as part of the Windows 98 operating system (pg. 133, first sentence and FIG. 7.10). Accordingly, the first technique of Sybex does not describe "the device driver file being provided from the outside" because the driver in the first technique of Sybex is obtained from the hard drive of the PC (see pg. 133, first sentence). Further, the first technique of Sybex describes loading a driver, which is clearly not the same as the above-claimed "device driver file."   )

The second technique of Sybex, found on pgs. 133-134, describes a situation in which the Wizard cannot find an appropriate driver pre-installed on the PC as part of the Windows 98 operating system. Here, the user may use a disk having a driver thereon by clicking the "Have Disk" button of the Wizard, placing the disk in the drive and entering the location of the driver (pg. 133, steps 1, 2 and 3). However, similar to IntelWBTA, the second technique of Sybex merely describes a disk having a driver, in contrast to the above-claimed features. Thus, the second technique of Sybex, similar to IntelWBTA, is essentially the same as that described in the *Description of the Related Art* of the above-identified application.

Harms fails to compensate for the deficiencies of IntelWBTA or Sybex.

Accordingly, in view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that because IntelWBTA fails to suggest or disclose at least all of the features of amended independent claim 22, the claim is allowable over IntelWBTA, Sybex and Harms and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Amended independent claim 1 recites at least:

> "copying and storing the device driver file after the installing in the
> computer of the device driver using the device driver file, for
> reinstallation of the device driver."

IntelWBTA, Sybex and Harms, taken separately or in combination, fail to suggest or disclose all of the above-recited features of amended independent claim 1.

Since similar features recited by each of the independent claims 9, 12, 21 and 22, with potentially differing scope and breadth, are not taught or disclosed by IntelWBTA, Sybex and Harms, Applicants request the rejections be withdrawn and claims 9, 12, 21 and 22 also allowed.

Regarding the rejection of claims 2-8, 10-11 and 13-20, these claims depend directly or indirectly on one of independent claims 1, 9, and 12, and are therefore believed to be allowable for at least the reasons noted above.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW BEFORE NEXT OFFICE ACTION:

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to discuss the pending claims before issuance of the next Office Action. Applicants believe that a more thorough review of the pending claims will be helpful in furthering prosecution.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.
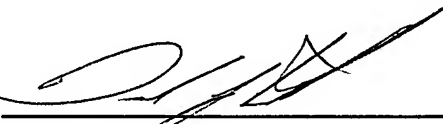
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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